



# Town of Groton, Connecticut

## Meeting Minutes - Draft

### Town of Groton Resource Recovery Authority

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**Mayor James L. Streeter, Councilors Bruce S. Flax, Bill Johnson, Catherine Kolnaski, Deborah B. Monteiro, Frank O'Beirne, Jr., Deborah L. Peruzzotti, Paulann H. Sheets, and Harry A. Watson**

**Tuesday, February 16, 2010**

**6:00 PM**

**Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1**

#### **SPECIAL MEETING**

#### **I. Roll Call**

Members Present: Mayor Streeter, Councilor Flax, Councilor Johnson, Councilor O'Beirne, Jr., Councilor Peruzzotti and Councilor Watson

Members Absent: Councilor Kolnaski, Councilor Monteiro and Councilor Sheets

*Also present were Town Manager Mark Oefinger and Town Clerk Betsy Moukawsher.*

#### **II. Approval of Minutes**

##### **2010-0041 Approval of Minutes (Groton Resource Recovery Authority)**

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING GROTON RESOURCE RECOVERY AUTHORITY MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Groton Resource Recovery Authority meeting of September 22, 2009 are hereby accepted and approved.

**A motion was made by Councilor O'Beirne, Jr., seconded by Councilor Watson, to adopt.**

**The motion carried unanimously**

#### **III. Public Comment**

*None.*

#### **IV. Communications**

*None.*

#### **V. Old Business**

*None.*

#### **VI. New Business**

##### **2009-0281 Commercial Waste Program**

COMMERCIAL WASTE PROGRAM

**Discussed**

*Public Works Director Gary Schneider explained the history of the Town's commercial waste collection. GRRRA ordinarily contracted with three separate haulers. Mr. Schneider explained some of the problems, including "border crossing," where haulers took their loads to a cheaper landfill in Rhode Island, leaving the town responsible for the tonnage shortfall in our contract with the Preston trash-to-energy plant. This was costing the Town \$1 million a year. He explained that the current program is running smoothly with almost no complaints from citizens or businesses. The Town services 419 commercial accounts. The current contract is with one hauler, Tinnerello & Sons Disposal, Inc. Mr. Schneider expressed his opinion that the Town should continue to use a single hauler.*

*Councilor Sheets arrived at 6:09 p.m.*

**Roll Call:** Members Present: Mayor Streeter, Councilor Flax, Councilor Johnson, Councilor O'Beirne, Jr., Councilor Sheets, Councilor Peruzzotti and Councilor Watson  
Members Absent: Councilor Kolnaski and Councilor Monteiro

**Discussed**

*Councilor Johnson stated that he will not support this motion. He believes that the fees are too high for local businesses, including his own.*

*Mr. Schneider explained various options for businesses. He encouraged any business that is not satisfied with the current fee structure to contact his office, noting that his staff would be more than willing to try to find an agreeable solution.*

*Councilor Monteiro arrived at 6:21 p.m.*

**Roll Call:** Members Present: Mayor Streeter, Councilor Flax, Councilor Johnson, Councilor Monteiro, Councilor O'Beirne, Jr., Councilor Sheets, Councilor Peruzzotti and Councilor Watson  
Members Absent: Councilor Kolnaski

**A motion was made by Councilor Watson, seconded by Councilor O'Beirne, Jr., to authorize the Town Manager to have the Department of Public Works prepare a request for proposal to solicit firms for the collection of municipal solid waste from commercial and industrial establishments in the Town of Groton.**

**The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Votes:** In Favor: 7 - Mayor Streeter, Councilor Flax, Councilor Monteiro, Councilor O'Beirne, Jr., Councilor Sheets, Councilor Peruzzotti and Councilor Watson  
Opposed: 1 - Councilor Johnson

**2010-0029 Amended Future Use of Materials Recycling Facility**

**A motion was made by Councilor Monteiro, seconded by Councilor Peruzzotti, to keep the existing office and operations area portion of the Material Recycling Facility on Flanders Road to allow the Town to use the space for either the revaluation company in the office portion of the building or for cold storage of surplus equipment**

**Mr. Schneider explained that this building is located at the now-closed landfill. It was used as an office for the Town's recycling program and was originally slated for demolition. The recommendation is to use this space for the consultants for the upcoming reevaluation. This could potentially save the Town \$20,000 in rental space. There needs to be an appropriation of funds for some upgrades to the building. That cost is estimated to be between \$5,000 - \$7,000.**

**The motion carried unanimously**

**VII. Adjournment**

*A motion to adjourn at 6:41 p.m. was made by Councilor Watson, seconded by Councilor Flax, and so voted unanimously.*